

# Tim Chilina

**#332045 | September 19, 2022**

**Testimony to the Planning and Sustainability Commission on the Shelter to Housing Continuum - Part 2, Proposed Draft**

I feel that the City should prohibit outdoor shelters and/or camps in CE and all other base zones where the City currently has environmental and/or water infrastructure. I feel this prohibition should extend to sites where future infrastructure could be constructed. Specifically, the Rain Gardens on SW 26th Avenue at SW Barbur Ct are environmentally sensitive areas where camping and shelters should not be allowed. These Gardens collect and treat tons of stormwater from the surrounding areas, and discharge directly to the Tryon Creek system. The City has previously prohibited shelters in ezones and parks; the Rain Gardens and alike fall into a similar category of land usage. I feel that BES should have put a P- and C- ezone overlays on these sites; perhaps the City will consider rezoning the Rain Gardens with ezone overlays. More broadly, I feel that shelters are not compatible and not appropriate anywhere proximal to any ezone, any wetland (cataloged or otherwise), or within 50' of any flowing water (like the development standards for P- and C- ezone overlays). Please protect the watersheds and keep the shelters away from them.

Testimony is presented without formatting.

# Steve Mullinax

**#332155 | October 14, 2022**

Testimony to the **Planning and Sustainability Commission** on the **Shelter to Housing Continuum - Part 2, Proposed Draft**

See attached letter.

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## Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.

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September 29, 2022

RE: SWNI Board Motion on Shelter to Housing Continuum

To Donnie Oliveira, Director, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability:

The SW Neighborhoods, Inc. voted to endorse these comments by the SWNI Land Use Committee, which has reviewed the Proposed Draft of changes to City Ordinances designed to allow for more timely locating and approval of future sites for Outdoor Shelters (Safe Rest Villages). We recommend setback allowances be cut back from 20 feet to 15 feet (not to 5 feet as proposed) and that street-facing Sightlines firmly impose a requirement for 6-foot high fencing minimums.

SWNI recognizes that 5-foot setbacks have become common for sides of adjacent building, and in some housing developments for backyards. However, these setbacks generally envision a one-to-one neighbor arrangement, not a one-to-many neighbor relationship created by an adjacent Outdoor Shelter. We feel appropriate setbacks will minimize noisy vocal interactions, excessive lights, and noise (by either party) could easily arise, and severely reducing the safety and security that the residents of Outdoor Shelters highly value

We want to emphasize sightlines for such facilities to be obscured by vegetation (L-series code) or by Fencing (F-series code) that must be 6 feet tall. The street-facing proposal is only 3-foot tall fencing or shrubs, and is NOT consistent with the current utilization of 6-8 foot tall fencing completely surrounding the two most recent Safe Rest Villages and the high priority being placed on individual safety and security.

The SWNI LUC did not take issue with the relaxed use of parking lots for future Safe Rest Villages. However, we strongly suggest that if a very large unutilized commercial parking lot is located, that City consider it (despite leasing costs) for a larger-resident-capacity "first-point-of-contact" Safe Rest Village to compliment the rest of the S2HC Strategy

Thank you,

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